

IOWAccess Project 9
STAWRS
Working Meeting
July 16, 1998

1. Welcome and introductions

Team Members introduced themselves.

Team Members Present:

Wayne Cooper
Harold Bowman
Larry Venenga
Rich Columbo
Jim Rowland
Ronald Butler
Amanda Stoke
Bill Morgan

ITS Staff:

Linda Plazak

Iowa Interactive Staff

Matt Theobald

Staff:

Ruth Melone

2. Status of SCI software development

Rowland reported making changes to the employer application, which has tested well. The part that receives information in the state is not working yet, will need about another week=s work. EDI components are being resolved. It's a matter of pulling all the elements together. July 20 deadline will not be met on the part that shows how information is received into the state. Rowland will travel to Iowa one final time, with Columbo possibly attending as well. Plazak stated that there will be a steering committee meeting toward the end of August during which each team will provide a demonstration.

Software development not yet completed:

The component to finalize transmittal piece from employers to IWD, including acknowledgments and error codes is not yet completed. The component that allows a way to upload information into the IWD mainframe is not yet completed. The third uncompleted section is the way to transmit information from IWD to IRS.

3. Status of SCI documentation development

Documentation that goes with software should be completed by August 25. Plazak requested a percentage finished on each component of the software. Jim will install and download information starting July 24. Jim can transmit portions of the software to Iowa.

4. Final pilot test in July/August

Who will do? Who will get software to employers? Issues?

Final test pilot date will be determined July 17.

5. Evaluation plan

Cooper stated that he has faxed to DC our initial response to evaluation information.

6. Final report due September 1

Project 9's final report is due on September 1.

7. Federal legislation. Where do we go either way?

Columbo stated that from a Federal STAWRS standpoint, they will be active in the Iowa project until a decision can be made whether or not to continue. Cooper stated that IOWAccess funding ends September 1. There is a question regarding whether legislation is required for electronic filing. STAWRS is continuing to move ahead. Legal counsel is exploring the issue of whether legislation is necessary.

Columbo would like to see results of pilot so they can make a recommendation to state and federal government. STAWRS is looking at working with payroll processors in the future and gathering more data. STAWRS will work with and around the electronic signature and focus on the benefits of electronic filing.

There was discussion regarding electronic signatures. Iowa state legislature did not pass a digital signature bill, in part because the state is waiting for federal guidelines.

8. Web Component

Project 9 is working with Iowa Interactive to explore web-based methods, assuming security concerns can be addressed. STAWRS is interested in using the Web and having encryption. STAWRS waiting to hear from VRI regarding evaluation. At this point the federal government is not going to accept information sent via the Internet. This may change. The Department of Treasury is working on the digital signature issue. At this point there is no policy on digital signature.

Theobald stated the Iowa Interactive is looking forward to working on the Web component of the project. In the course of working on other IOWAccess Projects, the teams have found that signatures are not always necessary.

8. Next Meeting August 20

The next team meeting is scheduled for August 20.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.